

Jury Told Frank Was Dominican Agent Illegally

A Government prosecutor today told a Federal District Court jury here that the Government will prove Washington Attorney John Joseph Frank acted as an agent of the Dominican Republic without registering with the Attorney General here as required by law.

William G. Hundley, Justice Department attorney, said testimony from witnesses will show that Frank conducted an investigation into the activities of Jesus Maria De Galindez, a missing Columbia University professor who was a bitter critic of Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo, Dominican strongman.

Mr. Hundley said Government witnesses will testify to the effect that Frank billed Trujillo at the rate of \$20 an hour to "spy" on Mr. De Galindez and others who opposed the generalissimo's policies.

The prosecutor said that evidence will show that Mr. Frank arranged for a rented airplane to be taken to the Dominican Republic by Gerald Murphy, an American pilot who vanished in the Dominican capital last December 3.

Frank was indicted last March by a grand jury looking into the disappearance of Mr. De Galindez, 43, a Columbia University professor, and Mr. Murphy, 33, a pilot for the Dominican Government's airline.

Frank, a former FBI agent and attorney for the Central Intelligence Agency, is charged with violating the foreign agent's registration act in failing to register as an agent for a foreign principal. He also is charged with collecting and reporting information to the Dominican government and to Generalissimo Trujillo, and being paid for his services and dispensing funds in line with this activity.

Dominican officials reported in January Mr. Murphy had been ordered by a Dominican attorney, who later hanged himself in a jail cell.

Frank's attorney is the District Court trial before Judge James Kirkland in Edward C. Carr. Frank lives at 7808 Columbia, Burke, Alexandria.

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